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**TOWN of STRAFFORD**

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **SELECTMEN**

Albert W. Leighton

Wesley W. Wheeler

Lester E. Huckins

### **TOWN CLERK and TREASURER**

Phyllis F. Lynbourg

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Helen A. Sims

### **MODERATOR**

Russell C. Shillaber

### **SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST**

Freda J. Harding

Myrtle Hammer

Dorothy Chandler

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Arthur Van Buskirk

### **AUDITORS**

Roger Leighton

Loren Pierce

### **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Albert Brown

Errol D. Clark

Donald Poppema

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Martha Bennett

Erma Messenger

Davis Clarke

### **LIBRARIAN**

Teresa M. Sammis

### **FIRE WARDEN**

Sumner Hayes

## DEPUTIES

Herbert Scribner  
Loren Pierce

George Thorne

John MacDougall  
Radford Messenger

## ROAD AGENT

Herbert Scribner

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

David S. Dupee

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Arthur Van Buskirk

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Edgar E. Burrows, Chief

Stephen Leighton

William Porter

Carl Brown

## PLANNING BOARD

Wesley Pierce  
David Dupee

Albert W. Leighton

David Bennett  
James Foss

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Philip Dame  
John O'Brien

Harold McDonald  
Maurice Caswell

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gerald Howe  
John Bozak

Gail Barry

Jo Ann Brown  
Spencer Smith

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Lois Fistere  
John B. Penney

Ernest B. Brown

Robert Omand  
Arthur Van Buskirk

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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Polls Open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the second day of March, 1976 next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Please Note:** All articles except No. 1 will be taken up at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 1976.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Public Welfare, including Old Age Assistance.

4. To see if the Town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,030.37 to which the State will contribute \$6,869.13.

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$42,000 for Highways and Bridges (\$3,000 from Revenue Sharing).

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,500 for operation and maintenance of the Town Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for the operation of the recreation area at Bow Lake Dam for the 1976 season.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 to support a Town Picnic to celebrate the Bi-centennial year on Saturday, June 12, 1976 on the Strafford School Grounds.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$800.00 for maintenance of Bow Lake Fire Department.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 to be expended by the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display.



11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,100.00 to add to the unexpended balance of \$1,134.96, as of Jan. 1, 1976, for operation of the Strafford Library for the ensuing year (\$1,500 from Revenue Sharing).

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Road Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Ambulance Service	1,800.00
Library Operation	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$6,300.00

13. To see if the Town will vote to have all property in the Town reappraised at 100% of market value, by the N. H. Department of Revenue Administration at an estimated cost of \$31,350.00

No action to be taken on next article unless Town votes to re-appraise.

14. Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, \$15,675.00 this year. The Balance of \$15,675.00 to be raised next year (1977).

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150.00 for observance of Memorial Day.

16. To hear the report and see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,256.20 in support of the Rural District Health Council.

17. To hear the report and see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department for providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Strafford, (\$1,800 from Revenue Sharing).

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$32.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust Disease.

19. Shall the Town of Strafford adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-b and 43-c for expanded exemptions on real estate which provide for a resident sixty-five years of age up to seventy-

five, a five thousand dollar exemption; a resident seventy-five years of age up to eighty, a ten thousand dollar exemption, a resident eighty years of age or older, a twenty thousand dollar exemption, provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least five years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than seven thousand dollars or a combined income with spouse of less than nine thousand dollars; and owns assets of any kind, Tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars. (By Petition)

20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Conservation Commission.

21. To see if the Town will approve the following changes in Town Officers Salaries:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Selectman – Chairman	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Selectman – 2nd Year	800.00	1,000.00
Selectman – 1st Year	800.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector	900.00	1,100.00
Treasurer	500.00	700.00
Clerk	500.00	700.00
Auditors (2)	50.00	60.00
Trustee of Trust		
Funds Clerk	50.00	60.00
Moderator	40.00	50.00 per day

22. To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration.

#### Resolution A

23. Will the Town adopt the following resolution  
 WHEREAS, certain areas of (COMMUNITY) are subject to periodic flooding from (STREAMS, RIVERS, LAKES, OCEANS, ETC.), causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized

flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Town Meeting to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain areas having special flood hazards; and

WHEREAS, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to New Hampshire RSA Chapter 31, 36, 156, and 156A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Meeting hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it intends to enact and maintain in force for those areas having defined flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and

2. Vests (the Planning Board of Town Manager or other duly authorized Municipal Officer) with the responsibility, authority, and means to:

- (a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.

- (b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain.

- (c) Cooperate with Federal, state, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplains in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

- (d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development with implementation of floodplain management measures.

3. Appoints the Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request a record of elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures located in the special flood hazard areas. If the lowest floor is below grade on one or more sides, the elevation of the floor immediately above must also be recorded.

4. Intends to take such other official action within its powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

Date passed \_\_\_\_\_

Certification \_\_\_\_\_

24. To see if the Town will vote to establish the following building regulation pursuant to RSA 156 as follows:

1. The Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a location that has a flood hazard, any proposed new construction or substantial improvement (including prefabricated and mobile homes) must (i) be designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent floatation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure, (ii) use construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage, and (iii) use construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 toward the cost of a new Fire Truck and equipment. Furthermore will the Town authorize the Selectmen and Fire Chief, to purchase the same for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 to be financed in this manner:

Above appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Truck Acct.	5,028.59
Special Highway or Fire Acct.	4,822.75
Donation from Austin-Cate Academy	5,000.00
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	\$19,851.34

Balance to be paid by Borrowing on short term Notes from The First National Bank of Rochester.

26. Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the balance necessary to purchase above specified Fire Truck and equipment, from The First National Bank of Rochester; to be repaid in three equal annual amounts, in the years: 1977, 1978, 1979.

The following two articles will be omitted if Articles 24 and 25 are passed.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for equipment for the Town's Fire Trucks.

28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fund for a new Fire Truck.

29. Will the Town adopt the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF THE  
PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 204-A OF THE NEW  
HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED AND  
THE PROVISION OF SECTION 8 OF THE U. S.  
HOUSING ACT OF 1937, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, that there continues to exist within the state a serious shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations at rents which elderly and low income persons can afford, and that such persons are forced to occupy substandard dwelling accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the General Court of the State of New Hampshire has enacted Chapter 204-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated establishing the New Hampshire Housing Commission; and

WHEREAS, RSA 204-A:9 provides that in a municipality where there is no local housing, authority operating, the Commission shall not operate without the consent of the governing body of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, said RSA 204-A:9 provides that consent of the governing body must be given for each project; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 8 of the U. S. Housing

Act of 1937, as amended, the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, is authorized to enter into annual contributions contracts with public housing agencies pursuant to which such agencies may enter into contracts to make assistance payments to owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 1/ Town Meeting of the 2/Town of Strafford as follows:

That the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in 2/ the Town of Strafford.

That said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project, under Section 8 of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for any of the following dwelling accommodations or a combination thereof; (a) existing standard housing 5 dwelling units; (b) rehabilitated housing 5 dwelling units; (c) newly constructed housing 5 dwelling units; the total amount of the foregoing not to exceed 15 dwelling units. The total number of dwelling units authorized by this and all previous authorizations shall not exceed 15 dwelling units.

30. To see if the Town will grant 2% Discount on Taxes paid within thirty days of mailing of Tax Bill.

31. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

32. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

ALBERT W. LEIGHTON  
WESLEY W. WHEELER  
LESTER E. HUCKINS  
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ALBERT W. LEIGHTON  
WESLEY W. WHEELER  
LESTER E. HUCKINS  
Selectmen of Strafford

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue  
for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976  
compared with  
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1975	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1975	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1976
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,097.28	\$ 6,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,000.00	1,094.97	1,100.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	6,000.00	7,081.44	7,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	14,147.22	14,252.54	14,012.63
Reim. Forest Conservation Aid	50.00	544.26	0
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	1,900.00	1,943.72	2,000.00
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog Licenses	700.00	610.00	600.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees & Building Permits	1,000.00	480.70	500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	17,000.00	18,491.20	19,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	3,300.00	3,757.20	2,200.00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes	178.25	181.87	181.87
Resident Taxes Retained	6,400.00	7,360.00	7,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,000.00	1,413.35	1,800.00
Revenue Sharing Funds to General Acct.		5,325.00	6,300.00
Sale of History Books		201.00	150.00
<b>Surplus from Federal Sources:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	6,200.00	5,584.00	4,775.00
Summer Youth Program		720.06	
<b>*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 64,375.47</b>	<b>\$ 75,138.49</b>	<b>\$ 73,119.50</b>
<b>*AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES</b>			<b>\$370,481.62</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$443,601.12</b>

\*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

## APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriations Previous Year 1975	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1975	Estimated Appropriations Ensuing Year 1976
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,655.80	\$ 5,820.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,300.00	3,078.91	3,300.00
Election & Registration Expenses	700.00	711.90	900.00
Auto Permits	1,300.00	1,335.00	1,400.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	500.00	249.10	500.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	900.00	1,364.13	1,600.00
For Reappraisal			15,675.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police Department	5,000.00	5,754.41	7,000.00
Fire Department	4,000.00	4,565.09	3,500.00
Fund for Fire Truck	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,515.20	1,600.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	406.50 -	400.00
Damages & Issuing Dog Tags	100.00	152.05 -	150.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	800.00	800.00	800.00
<b>Health Department</b>			
(Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	17.50 -	25.00
Rural District Health Counsel	1,062.00	1,062.00	1,256.20
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	4,000.00	4,160.50	4,000.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	30,000.00	30,271.09	32,000.00
Street Lighting	900.00	1,029.12	1,050.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	7,000.00	9,672.69	10,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,042.49	1,042.49	1,030.37
<b>Libraries:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	3,200.00	3,200.00	2,100.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	1,500.00	493.66	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00	1,704.00	2,000.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, Etc.)</b>	250.00	250.00 -	450.00
<b>Recreation (Maintenance &amp; Operation)</b>	1,300.00	1,707.90	1,600.00



# APPROPRIATIONS (cont.)

	Appropriations Previous Year 1975	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1975	Estimated Appropriations Ensuing Year 1976
Public Service Enterprises:			
Summer Youth Program		\$ 682.00	
White Pine Blister Rust Control	\$ 200.00	200.00	\$ 32.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	125.00	0	
Debt Service:			
N. H. Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	720.63	720.63	300.00
Capital Outlay:			
Town Map Fund	5,000.00	0	
Bow Lake Beach Area Capital Outlay	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Receipts Deposited in Bank	<u>5,584.00</u>	<u>5,584.00</u>	<u>4,775.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 96,709.12	\$ 95,085.67	\$111,063.57
County Tax	35,000.00	56,001.95	56,000.00
	232,789.11	200,799.01	275,937.55
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$364,498.23	\$351,886.63	\$443,001.12

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations		\$ 90,722.28
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 6,097.28	
Savings Bank Tax	1,094.97	
Room & Meals Tax	7,081.44	
Reimb. for Forest Fires	50.00	
Revenue from Yield Tax		1,722.04
Interest Received on Taxes	300.00	
Interest Received on Deposits	3,230.00	
Business, Permits & Filing Fees	500.00	
Dog Licenses	700.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	17,000.00	
Class V Maintenance	442.79	
National Bank Stock Taxes	178.25	
Resident Taxes	7,350.00	
Revenue Sharing (contra)	5,325.00	
Highway Subsidy	14,108.19	
From Balance Sheet Surplus	<u>9,000.00</u>	
Total Revenues & Credits	\$74,179.96	
Net Town Appropriations		\$ 16,542.32
Net School Appropriations		232,789.11
County Tax Assessment		<u>56,001.95</u>
Total of Town, School & County		\$305,333.38
Deduct: Business Profits Tax Reimb.		-1,942.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits		5,400.00
Add: Overlay		<u>6,274.28</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised		\$315,065.66

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land – improved and unimproved		\$2,403,300.00
Buildings		5,670,574.00
Public Service Co. of N. H.		839,300.00
14 Travel Trailers (personal property)		13,250.00
46 Boats		<u>28,000.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$8,954,424.00
Blind Exemption (1)	\$ 5,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions (28)	47,600.00	
School Dining Room, Dormitory, and Kitchen Exemptions	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions	\$202,600.00	
Net Valuation on Which Tax is Computed		\$8,751,824.00

## WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally Disabled	1	\$ 600.00
All Other Qualified Persons	96	<u>4,800.00</u>
Total		\$5,400.00
Resident Taxes @\$10.00		\$7,350.00

## TAX RATE APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Town	\$ .31
School	2.65
County	<u>.64</u>
Combined Rate	\$3.60

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

### Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALBERT W. LEIGHTON  
WESLEY W. WHEELER  
LESTER E. HUCKINS  
Selectmen of Strafford

Assets	
<b>Cash:</b>	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 510.21
Cert. of Deposit	<u>140,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,510.21</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>	
Recreation Commission	\$ 3,361.32
For Fire Truck	5,028.59
Special Fire & Highway Acct.	4,822.75
For Town Map	2,395.72
Revenue Sharing Acct.	<u>1,876.92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,485.30</b>
<b>Accounts Due to the Town:</b>	
Due from State: 1975 TRA Acct.	218.64
<b>Unredeemed Taxes</b>	
Levy of 1974	\$ 1,798.83
Levy of 1973	<u>592.68</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,391.51</b>
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1975, Incl. Resident Taxes	<u>32,613.73</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$193,219.39</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>\$193,219.39</u></b>
Current Surplus, December 31, 1974	\$ 21,009.26
Current Surplus (Deficit),	
December 31, 1975	21,353.09
Increase of Surplus — Change in	
Financial Condition	\$ 343.83

## Liabilities

### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Appropriation for Water Street	\$ 1,500.00
Appropriation for Recreation Comm.	3,361.32
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	1,876.92
For Fire Truck	5,028.59
For Town Map	9,091.72
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	<u>150,789.11</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$171,647.66</b>

### State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:

T.R.A. 1975 Acct.	<u>218.64</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$171,866.30</b>
<b>Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)</b>	<u>21,353.09</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$193,219.39</b>

# UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

## RECEIPTS

### Current Revenue:

#### From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes — Current Year — 1975	\$272,904.83	
Resident Taxes — Current Year — 1975	5,220.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes —		
Current Year — 1975	181.87	
Yield Taxes — Current Year — 1975	<u>1,413.35</u>	
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected & Remitted		\$279,720.05
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years		15,403.24
Resident Taxes — Previous Years		2,140.00
Abatements		1,558.45
Interest Rec'd on Delinquent Taxes & Costs		528.00
Penalties: Resident Taxes — \$232.00		
State Head Taxes — 0		232.00
Tax sales redeemed		<u>10,598.24</u>

#### From State:

For Highways and Bridges:		
For Class V Highway maintenance		442.79
Highway Subsidy		14,252.54
Interest and dividends tax		6,097.28
Savings Bank Tax		1,094.97
Reim. a-c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber		544.26
Fighting forest fires		154.15
Meals and Rooms Tax		7,081.44
Reim. a-c Business Profits Tax		<u>1,943.72</u>

#### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses		610.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		
and Building Permits		480.70
Income from departments		276.50
Motor vehicle permits		
1974 — \$ 287.37		
1975 — \$18,203.73		<u>18,491.10</u>
Total Current Revenue Receipts		<u>\$361,649.43</u>

#### Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds U. S. Treasury Notes	\$100,000.00	
Refunds	136.36	
Gifts	1,000.00	
Grants from U. S. A.		
Revenue Sharing	5,584.00	
Emergency Employment Act —		
Summer Youth Program	720.06	
From Revenue Sharing Acct. to General Fund	5,325.00	
Sale of Strafford History Books	201.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	<u>9,696.52</u>	

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue \$122,662.94

Total Receipts from All Sources \$484,312.37

Cash on hand January 1, 1975 20,499.59

Grand Total \$504,811.96

# UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

## PAYMENTS

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 4,655.80
Town officers' expenses	3,078.91
Election and registration expenses	711.90
Auto Permits	1,335.00
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	249.10
Investment of surplus funds	140,000.00

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	5,754.41
Bow Lake Beach	46.50
Fire department, including forest fires	4,565.09
Moth extermination —	
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	200.00
Planning and Zoning	406.50
Damage by dogs, including issuing fees	152.05
Insurance	1,515.20
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	800.00

#### Health:

Health department, including hospitals & ambulance	1,700.00
Vital statistics	17.50
Town dumps and garbage removal	4,160.50

#### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,042.49
Town Maintenance:	
Summer — \$15,232.56	
Winter — \$15,038.53	30,271.09
Street lighting	1,029.12
General Expenses of Highway Department	9,672.69

Libraries	3,200.00
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#### Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,704.00
Town poor	493.66

#### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations & Old Home Day	250.00
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#### Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	1,707.90
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#### Public Service Enterprises:

Rural District Health	1,062.00
Summer Youth Program (subsidized)	682.00
Investment of Revenue Sharing Funds	5,584.00

#### Unclassified:

Taxes bought by town	9,696.52
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	1,558.45
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	909.14

Total Current Maintenance Expenses

\$238,211.52

# UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

## PAYMENTS (cont.)

<b>Capital Outlay:</b>	
Saving Acct. Recreation Comm.	\$3,264.64
Saving Acct. for Fire Truck	5,000.00
Tax maps	<u>304.00</u>
<b>Total Outlay Payments</b>	8,568.64
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>	
Payments to State	
a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	\$ 720.63
Taxes paid to County	56,001.95
Payments to School Districts	
1974 Tax — \$118,799.01	
1975 Tax — \$82,000.00	<u>200,799.01</u>
<b>Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</b>	\$257,521.59
<b>Total Payments for all Purposes</b>	\$504,301.75
Cash on hand December 31, 1975	<u>510.21</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u><u>\$504,811.96</u></u>

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1975

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,200.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Highway Department, Equipment	1,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	7,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	300,000.00
Equipment	25,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
3 Acres — Town Dump	200.00
½ Acre — E. Dudley Lot	100.00
½ Acre — Fred Morin Lot & Building	1,000.00
½ Acre Jose Celdran Lot & Building	1,000.00
1 Acre -- Mary Rowe Land	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$364,000.00



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Town Officers' Salaries

Albert W. Leighton, Selectman	\$ 966.62
Lester E. Huckins, Selectman	833.26
Wesley W. Wheeler, Selectman	799.92
Phyllis F. Lynbourg, Treasurer & Clerk	1,000.00
Helen A. Sims, Tax Collector	900.00
Donald Poppema, Trustee, Trust Funds	50.00
Roger Leighton, Auditor	50.00
Lorin Pierce, Auditor	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,649.80</b>

### Town Office Expense

N. H. Assessors Association	\$ 10.00
Ridings Press, Inc. (Town Reports – \$990.00)	1,050.24
Brown & Saltmarsh	64.36
Fosters Daily Democrat	137.00
N. H. Municipal Association	100.00
William Lynbourg – Postage	346.02
Laura Carey – Recording	124.50
N. H. Tax Collectors Association	10.00
Foss & Came – Town Officers Bonds	244.00
Cooper, Hall & Walker (Deed)	20.00
Kendall Insurance Co.	82.00
George Thorne – Box Rent	4.00
Charles W. Varney Co.	365.00
Ray the Locksmith	13.00
Jefferson Printing	118.87
Albert W. Leighton (Mileage & Youth Program)	78.50
Lester E. Huckins – Refund	8.41
Wesley W. Wheeler – Mileage	15.50
State of N. H. – Boat Reports	43.04
Phyllis F. Lynbourg – Supplies	17.65
Dorothy Chandler – Office Work	33.00
Sharon Huckins – Office Work	6.00
Helen Sims – Office Work	90.00
Meaders – Office Supplies	34.35
Robert Huckins – Camera Work	12.00
N. E. Tel - Tel. Co.	51.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,078.91</b>

# 1975 — 1976 School Account

School Appropriation	\$232,789.11
Payments to December 31, 1975	<u>82,000.00</u>
Balance Due School District	\$150,789.11

## Other Payments

Phyllis F. Lynbourg — Auto Permits	\$ 1,335.00
Town Office Telephone	249.10
Police	5,754.41
Fire (including forest fire)	4,565.09
Planning and Zoning	406.50
Recreation Commission	1,707.90
Recreation Commission — Capital Fund	2,000.00
Ctr. Barnstead Ambulance Service	1,700.00
Town Dump	4,160.50
Highways — Summer	15,232.56
Winter	15,038.53
General	9,672.69
T.R.A.	1,042.49
Street Lights	1,029.12
Libraries	3,200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,704.00
Town Poor	493.66
Rural District Health Council	1,062.00
Memorial Day & July 4th	250.00
Bow Lake Fire Appropriation	800.00
Expense of Dog Permits & Damage	152.05
Taxes Bought by Town	9,696.52
Discounts & Abatements	1,558.45
Social Security	909.14
Certificate of Deposit	140,000.00
County Tax	56,001.95
Strafford School District	200,799.01
Payment of Revenue Sharing Money from	
Gen. Fund to Bank Book No. 27-781	5,584.00
Vital Statistics	17.50
Insurance	1,515.20
Election & Registration	711.90
Bow Lake Beach	46.50
Pine Blister Rust Program	200.00
To Recreation Commission Bank Acct.	3,264.64
To Fire Truck Bank Account	5,000.00
Summer Youth Program	682.00
Town Maps	<u>304.00</u>
Total	\$497,846.41

### Highway Account

Total Payments	\$ 39,943.78
Less Class V Maintenance	<u>-442.79</u>
	\$ 39,500.99
1975 Appropriation	37,000.00
Donation from Harold Preston for Cross Road in Crown Point	<u>+1,000.00</u>
	\$ 38,000.00
<b>Overexpended</b>	\$ 1,500.99

### State Highway Subsidy

1975 Highway Expenditures	\$ 39,500.99
Harold Preston Donation	<u>-1,000.00</u>
	\$ 38,500.99
Highway Subsidy Grant	<u>-14,108.19</u>
Highway Money Raised by Property Tax	\$ 24,392.80

### Revenue Sharing Funds

Balance December 31, 1974	\$ 1,483.11
Four Payments from U. S. Government	5,584.00
Interest Added 1975	<u>134.81</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$ 7,201.92
Withdrawn Per Vote 1975 Town Meeting for Road Maintenance, Ambulance, & Library	<u>5,325.00</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 1975</b>	\$ 1,876.92

### Town Dump

1975 Appropriation		\$4,000.00
William Nelson	\$ 540.00	
Sumner Hayes	1,402.50	
Harold Pickering	961.50	
Robert Omand	15.00	
Herbert Scribner	1,230.00	
Wesley Wheeler (lock)	<u>11.50</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$4,160.50	
Sale of Metal from Dump		<u>126.50</u>
		\$4,126.50
<b>Overexpended</b>		\$ 34.00

## STRAFFORD T.R.A. 1975 – 1976

### Money Available

Carried forward from last year	\$ 2,791.18
Town share 1975-1976 appropriation	1,042.49
State share 1975-1976 appropriation	<u>6,949.96</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,783.63</b>

### Money Spent

Payroll – equipment – W/E 7/5/75	\$ 1,677.70
Payroll – equipment – W/E 7/12/75	1,666.90
Payroll – equipment – W/E 8/23/75	867.20
Trimount – asphalt (sealing)	901.62
Payroll – equipment – W/E 9/20/75	431.30
Payroll – equipment – W/E 10/11/75	434.60
Manchester S & G – crushed gravel	745.71
N. H. Bituminous – asphalt	406.33
Trimount – asphalt	2,326.68
Payroll – equipment – W/E 10/25/75	681.95
George Rotondi – gravel	<u>425.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,564.99</b>

Balance in account \$218.64

cc ALBERT LEIGHTON, Ch.  
HERB SCRIBNER

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975**

**Receipts**

Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 20,499.59	
Receipts, 1975	<u>484,312.37</u>	
		\$504,811.96

**Expenditures**

Expenditures, 1975	\$504,301.75	
Balance, December 31, 1975	<u>510.21</u>	
		\$504,811.96

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Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Co.

Bank Book No. 72650	\$	1.00
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Bank Book No. N595 (Capital Reserve Fund)

Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 4,570.63	
Interest, 1975	<u>+ 252.12</u>	
Balance		\$ 4,822.75

Bank Book No. N596

(Class II Hghwy. Acct. for Tax Map)

Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 2,271.56	
Interest, 1975	<u>+ 124.16</u>	
Balance		\$ 2,395.72

Bank Book No. 97-781 (Rev. Sharing Acct.)

Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 1,483.11	
Deposited, 1975	+ 5,584.00	
Interest, 1975	+ 134.81	
Withdrawal, 1975	<u>- 5,325.00</u>	
Balance		\$ 1,876.92

Bank Book No. 102462

(Recreation Commission)

Deposited, 1975	\$ 3,264.64	
Interest, 1975	<u>+ 96.68</u>	
Balance		\$ 3,361.32

Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Co. (cont.)

Bank Book No. 103395 (Fire Truck)

Deposited, 1975	\$ 5,000.00	
Interest, 1975	+ 28.59	
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Balance		\$ 5,028.59

Bank Book No. 103396  
(Special Acct. Surplus Funds)

Deposited, 1975	\$ 40,000.00	
Interest, 1975	+ 228.75	
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Balance		\$ 40,228.75

First National Bank of Rochester

Investment Certificate of Deposit	\$100,000.00	
		\$100,000.00

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Treasurer

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**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975**

**Receipts:**

1974 Auto Permits		
30 Permits Issued	\$ 287.37	
1975 Auto Permits		
1305 Permits Issued	<u>18,203.73</u>	
<b>Total Auto Permits</b>		\$18,491.10

Dog and Kennel Licenses	610.00	
Filing Fees	<u>4.00</u>	
		\$19,105.10

**Remittances to Town Treasurer:**

Auto Permits	\$18,491.10	
Dog and Kennel Licenses	610.00	
Filing Fees	<u>4.00</u>	
		\$19,105.10

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

## TOWN MEETING — MARCH 4, 1975

At the legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, the following action was taken on the Town Warrant on Tuesday, the 4th day of March 1975.

The meeting at the Strafford Elementary School in Strafford was called to order by the Moderator, C. Russell Shillaber, at 10:00 a.m. The Polls were declared open for voting on Article 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All other Articles to be voted at 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. The following officers were declared elected by the Moderator.

Number of eligible voters on checklist:		682
Number of votes cast:		355
Selectman for 3 years	Lester E. Huckins	295 votes
Auditor for 2 years (write in)	Roger S. Leighton	30 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years	No election	
Library Trustee for 3 years	Martha Z. Bennett	313 votes
Road Agent for 1 year	Herbert H. Scribner	134 votes

The following candidates were not elected

Road Agent for 1 year	Philip L. Dame	112 votes
	Francis Tasker	105 votes

The Moderator declared all articles to be proper before the meeting and seconded, except where otherwise specifically proceeded.

ARTICLE 2. Lester Huckins moved Article 2 be postponed until later. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for Public Welfare including Old Age Assistance. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 4. Motion the Town accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,042.49 to which the State will contribute \$6,949.96. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5. Motion by Albert Leighton the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 for Highways and Bridges. \$3,000.00 from Revenue Sharing. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 6. Motion by John Young the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Dept. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for observance of Memorial Day. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the Lakes Region Association. Seconded. Vote in the negative.

ARTICLE 9. Report on page 49 of Annual Report. Motion Carolyn Young the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,062.00 in support of the Rural District Health Council. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10. Report on page 52 of Annual Report. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department for providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Strafford. \$1,500.00 from Revenue Sharing. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be expended by the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the annual Fourth of July Fireworks display. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust Disease. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13. Motion to postpone Article 13 until after consideration of Article 14 and 15. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14. Motion to postpone Article 14 until Article 15 has been disposed of. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15. Motion that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to an existing appropriation of \$1,264.64 to create a recreation fund to be expended as the recreation commission may determine for capital improvement at the Bow Lake Dam area, such as fencing, docking facilities and safety equipment; and to see if the Town will apply for Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation matching funds for such expenditures. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14. Motion that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00 for the operation of the beaches at Bow Lake Dam for the 1975 season. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13. Motion the Town establish a Recreation Commission as provided by State Statute to consist of five members, residents of the Town, to be appointed by the Selectmen. (RSA 31-47) Seconded.

Amendment 1 - Richard Brown — after selectmen — Said Commission to be responsible to account to the Town for the expenditure of all monies received, whether by gift, grant or other devise and monies raised at Town Meetings. Seconded.

Amendment 2 - Linda Lewis — Provided that any Recreation Commission so established may not alter the hours for the Bow Lake Beach currently established. Seconded.

Motion to close discussion. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Vote on Amendment No. 2 in the negative.

Vote on Amendment No. 1 in the affirmative.

Motion the Town establish a Recreation Commission as provided by State Statute to consist of five members, residents of the Town, to be appointed by the Selectmen. Said Commission to be responsible to account to the Town for the expenditure of all monies received, whether by gift, grant or



other devise and monies raised at Town Meetings. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 16. Motion the Town vote to adopt Evans Mountain Road, so-called as a Scenic Road as provided by RSA 253: 16, 17, and 18. Evans Mountain Road is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on its eastern end adjacent to the Kenneth Berry residence, thence running westerly beyond the intersection with Parson Hill Road so-called and continuing to the Barnstead-Strafford Town Line at its terminus. Total length approximately 1¼ miles. Seconded.

Mr. Gruber asked permission to speak. No objection to Mr. Gruber's speaking. He is an abutter to the Evans Mountain Road in question.

Motion to close debate. Seconded. Vote in the Affirmative.

Motion to question voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 17. Motion by Loren Pierce the Town authorize the selectmen to create a Capital Reserve Fund specifically for the purchase of a new fire truck and raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for same. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 toward the cost of a Town Map. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19. Motion the Town authorize the selectmen to hire a part time assistant for routine office work: not to exceed \$800.00 for the year. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 20. Motion the Town vote to accept the section of Road, known as, "Aspen Drive" in Whig Hills Development. This road is constructed to Town Road Specifications. Seconded. Hand Vote. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21. Motion the Town vote to pay \$3.00 per hour for all hourly labor. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22. Motion the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure for the protection and benefit of the town, and its officers, such policy of insurance as the Selectmen, in their discretion, shall determine against loss or expense by reason of claims made upon the town, or its officers, for damages on account of bodily injuries suffered by any person on account of damage to, or the destruction of property. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23. Motion the Town vote to join the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the Strafford-Rockingham Regional Planning Council as authorized by RSA 36:46 and raise and appropriate \$965.00 as an assessment of same. Seconded. Vote in the negative.

ARTICLE 24. Motion the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the operation of the Strafford Library. \$825.00 from Revenue Sharing. Seconded.

Amendment by Carolyn Clarke the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for the operation of the Strafford Library. (due to rising cost of operation) Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion with amendment passed in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 25. Motion the Town vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated.

Road Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Ambulance Service	1,500.00
Library	825.00
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	\$5,325.00

Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 26. Motion the Town authorize the Selectmen to negotiate with the Selectmen of Northwood in regard to disposing of Strafford's solid waste: at a proposed incineration plant at Northwood and activate a program if feasible. Seconded.

Amendment — the Town authorize the Selectmen to negotiate with the Selectmen of nearby towns in regard to disposing of Strafford's solid waste and activate a program if feasible. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion with amendment voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 27. Motion the Town will grant 2% discount on Taxes paid within thirty-five days of mailing of tax bill. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 28. Motion the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 29. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,225.00 to defray town charges for the ensuing year. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 30. John Alhgren moved the study committee be authorized to continue their study, set up by motion in last year's records, and submit a report at next year's Town Meeting. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

George Foss moved to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Recreation Commission as provided under Article 13 within two months of the close of the 1975 Town Meeting. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

A True Record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

A True Copy of Record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

(For Current Year's Levy)  
**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes  
Levy of 1975

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$309,048.78
Resident Taxes	6,920.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>174.87</u>

Total Warrants . . . . . \$316,143.65

Yield Taxes . . . . . 1,413.35

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 81.00
Resident Taxes	<u>530.00</u>

611.00

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes . . . . . 9.49

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes . . . . . 20.00

Total Debits . . . . . \$318,197.49

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$272,904.83
Resident Taxes	5,220.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	174.87
Yield Taxes	1,413.35
Interest Collected	9.49
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>20.00</u>

\$279,742.54

Discounts Allowed . . . . . 4,829.42

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,011.80
Resident Taxes	0
Yield Taxes	<u>0</u>

1,011.80

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1975:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 30,383.73
Resident Taxes	2,230.00
Yield Taxes	<u>0</u>

32,613.73

Total Credits . . . . . \$318,197.49

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Property, Resident and Yield Taxes**  
**Levy of 1974**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1975:			
Property Taxes	.....	\$23,887.27	
Resident Taxes	.....	1,950.00	
Yield Taxes	.....	608.16	
		<u>          </u>	\$26,445.43
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	.....	\$ 0	
Resident Taxes	.....	710.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	.....	7.00	
		<u>          </u>	717.00
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	.....	\$ .01	
a/c Resident Taxes	.....	10.00	
		<u>          </u>	10.01
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	.....		1,020.97
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	.....		212.00
			<u>          </u>
Total Debits	.....		\$28,405.41

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Ended December 31, 1975:			
Property Taxes — sold to town	.....	\$ 9,969.52	
Property Taxes	.....	14,682.28	
Resident Taxes	.....	2,140.00	
Yield Taxes	.....	608.16	
Interest Collected During Year	.....	498.45	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	.....	212.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	.....	7.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$27,844.41
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	.....	\$ 31.00	
Resident Taxes	.....	530.00	
Yield Taxes	.....	0	
		<u>          </u>	561.00
Total Credits	.....		\$28,405.41

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Property, Resident and Yield Taxes**  
**Levy of 1973**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes . . . . .	\$ 37.50	
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Total Debits . . . . .		\$ 37.50
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— CR. —

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes . . . . .	\$ 37.50	
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Total Credits . . . . .		37.50
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Property, Resident and Yield Taxes**  
**Levy of 1972**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes . . . . .	\$117.46	
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Interest . . . . .	20.06	
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Total Debits . . . . .		\$137.52
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer

During Year Ending December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes . . . . .	\$112.80	
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Interest Collected (Property) . . . . .	20.06	
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\$132.86

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes . . . . .	4.66	
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Total Credits . . . . .		\$137.52
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**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

— DR. —

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:			Previous Years
	1974	1973	1972	
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1975 . . . . .	\$ .....	\$ 1,672.75	\$ 606.83	\$ 575.84
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year . . . . .	9,696.52	.....	.....	.....
Interest Collected After Sale . . . . .	212.54	124.34	127.52	173.67
Redemption Costs . . . . .	114.50	16.50	1.62	.....
Total Debits . . . . .	\$10,023.56	\$ 1,813.59	\$ 735.97	\$ 749.51

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions . . . . .	\$ 7,724.33	\$ 1,031.82	\$ 555.50	\$ 515.90
Interest & Costs After Sale . . . . .	327.04	140.84	129.14	173.67
Abatements During Year . . . . .	113.00	.....	.....	.....
Deeded to Town During Year . . . . .	60.36	48.25	51.33	59.94
Unredeemed Taxes — December 31, 1975 . . . . .	1,798.83	592.68	.....	.....
Total Credits . . . . .	\$10,023.56	\$ 1,813.59	\$ 735.97	\$ 749.51

## THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### **Strafford, New Hampshire**

Mr. Gerald Howe was appointed by the selectmen to serve as a member of the commission. He is replacing Richard Nelson.

1975 was a year of inventory and planning for the Strafford Conservation Commission. Activity of the Town Forest continued as in the past. A group from the town of Farmington who are interested in establishing a forest in that town, toured the Strafford Town Forest with the Conservation Commission.

A fall seeding project at the Bow Lake dam was conducted in conjunction with the Recreation Commission. Spring should show the results of this program with a much improved ground cover to reduce erosion and improve the appearance of the area.

Plans are presently being pursued to establish a picnic and rest area on the McCabe property. This would probably consist of picnic facilities in a shelter to enable year-round use for hikers, skiers, and snowmobilers. A target date for completion has not been set at this time.

The revenues received from the improvement-sanitation cutting of timber were turned over to the selectmen in compliance with the agreement made when funds were appropriated to purchase the timber rights on the Town Forest.

The Conservation Commission reviewed and made recommendations on Dredge and Fill permits.

The Commission is concerned about the acquisition of additional land for the town. This land would be administered and managed by the Conservation Commission. Please call or write to any of the Commission members if you know of someone in Strafford who would be interested in donating land.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL BARRY

SPENCER SMITH

JoANN BROWN

JOHN BOZAK, Secretary Treasurer

GERALD HOWE, Chairman

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
January 1 — December 31, 1975**

**Money Received:**

Balance December 31, 1974	\$ 105.96
Cost Share ASCS	89.00
Interest on Bank Account	78.25
Deposited to Checking from Savings	50.00

**Money Paid Out:**

N.H.A.C.C. State Dues	35.00
Supplies (JoAnn Brown)	5.00
File Cabinet	49.72
Kenneth Berry (Mowing)	20.00
Withdrew from Savings Account for Checking	50.00

Savings Book Balance	1,509.78
Check Book Balance	<u>135.24</u>
Total	\$1,645.02



**LIBRARY REPORT**  
**Library Hours — Hill Public Library**  
**Tuesday 12:00 - 5:00 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Telephone: 664-2800**

Books Owned by Library January 1, 1975	3,231
Books Donated	123
Books Purchased	90
Books Discarded	13
Books Owned January 1, 1976	3,431
Books Circulated 1975	5,018
Books Circulated Grades 1 - 2 - 3 - 4	1,336
Books Borrowed from Bookmobile — 4 Visits	1,158
Book Requests Filled Through State Library	36
Historic Maps Given to Library	7
Books Donated to Historic Collection	4
Magazine Subscriptions	6
Statewide Library Cards Issued	35

Hill Library offers books, magazines and jigsaw puzzles for circulation. The collection is supplemented by selections from the Bookmobile of the New Hampshire State Library, and request for a specific book not on the library shelves may often be filled through the State Library. Any borrower in good standing may obtain a New Hampshire Statewide Library Card, usable in any participating library in New Hampshire.

Hill Library also serves as repository for a collection of maps and books significant in the history of Strafford. This Historical Collection does not circulate, but is available to the public for use in the library only.

Suggestions are welcomed for books and magazines to be purchased, and for further services that the library might offer.

TERESA M. SAMMIS  
 Librarian

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Checking Account, January 1, 1975 \$ 686.47

Received:

Book Fines	\$ 6.00	
From Town – April 8	755.43	
From Town – July 28	755.43	
From Town – October 16	452.61	
From Town – January 16	1,055.42	
Social Security Withheld by Town Treas.	<u>175.11</u>	
		<u>3,200.00</u>
		\$3,886.47

Expended:

Librarian	\$1,256.31	
Custodian	259.80	
Electric	508.37	
New Books	309.02	
Phone	132.39	
Insurance	69.00	
Supplies	28.60	
Miscellaneous	12.91	
Social Security Paid Out by Town Treas.	<u>175.11</u>	
		<u>2,751.51</u>

Balance January 1, 1976 \$1,134.96

Warren Dow Foss Fund for Books:

Balance January 1, 1975	\$2,725.87	
Received Interest	<u>165.13</u>	
Balance December 31, 1975		\$2,891.00

DAVIS CLARK  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

In reviewing the events of the year 1975 we, as trustees, feel that it was a good year and hope that the townspeople have gained through use of the library facilities.

The librarian, Mrs. Sammis, has provided a good selection of material and has been most helpful in many varied areas.

The primary grades from the elementary school made weekly visits.

A wide variety of special programs have been sponsored by the Jane Huckins Memorial Fund.

During the summer vacation a well attended story hour and reading program *Come Share a Book* was organized by the Library Association.

The collection has been extensively increased by both purchases and donations.

We wish to express our thanks to the patrons who have donated their services, memorial gifts and magazines.

In closing, we would welcome any suggestions for continued improvement of the library services.

IRMA MESSENGER  
DAVIS CLARKE  
MARTHA BENNETT  
Trustees

## STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPORT 1975

The Strafford Library Association continues to serve the community through its support of the library and its programs. This year a new program was instituted to reach children in the summer months. *Come Share a Book* involved children in grades 1 - 4 in reading, doing, and sharing. Two four-week sessions were run with certificates of participation awarded in special programs at the end of each. Mini-reports were written on each book read; and puppet shows, films, and individual projects were shared on two Saturdays each session. We hope to see more of your children involved this summer, as we feel this is a very valuable program.

Ten story hours for ages 4 to 6 were also held this summer. It was very well-attended. We wish to thank our nine storytellers who offered a variety of exciting programs for our children.

Association members auctioned their services to the public this Spring and earned \$115.00 for the Library. It is hoped to try this again in 1976.

Two issues of *The Bookworm*, the library Newsletter, were published. The mailing list continues to grow, and donations received help to run the library. The Newsletter is free of charge, but is published in limited quantities. If you desire to be on the mailing list, please notify the Librarian.

The SLA works with the Trustees, who are also members. We welcome new members at any time, so please speak up if you care to join!

Respectfully submitted,  
KATRINA RHODES, Secretary  
GEORGE FOSS, President  
BERNICE OMAND, Vice President  
NELLIE S. PAINE, Treasurer

	<u>SLA FINANCES</u>	
Savings — January 1, 1975	\$ 906.97	Checking — January 1, 1975
Expenses	330.00	Expenses
Receipts	421.96	Receipts
December 31, 1975 Balance	\$ 998.93	December 31, 1975 Balance
	Total Assets SLA — \$1,066.43	
		\$ 317.50
		\$ 385.00
		\$ 67.50

	<u>JANE HUCKINS FUND FINANCES</u>	
Savings — January 1, 1975	\$ 615.67	Checking — January 1, 1975
Expenses	423.40	Expenses
Receipts	192.13	Receipts
December 31, 1975 Balance	\$ 384.40	December 31, 1975 Balance
	Total Assets JHF Including Certificate of Deposit — \$2,859.51	
		\$ 324.89
		400.00
		\$ 75.11

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1975

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal		Income	
				Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
6/ 6/1925	Babb, John 1	Perpetual Care	N. H. Savings Bank Acct. No. 142306	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.73	.....
	Brown, Albert (John Caveno) 2		No. 191837	50.00	50.00	5.20	.....
	Brown, Albert (Luther Critchitt) 3		No. 191886	50.00	50.00	3.03	.....
4/21/1927	Caswell, Dearborn 4		No. 142316	200.00	200.00	216.76	.....
6/ 3/1972	Caverly, Abbie 5		No. 142310	100.00	100.00	140.35	.....
6/ 3/1972	Caverly, Rev. John 6		No. 189939	465.00	465.00	11.27	\$ 20.00
4/ 2/1927	Clark, John D. 7		No. 142312	100.00	100.00	253.55	4.00
3/ 3/1971	Cooper, Lillian Foss 8	Foss Cemetery in Al Berry's old field	No. 185292	200.00	200.00	36.55	.....
9/ 2/1933	Foss, Herbert 9		No. 142314	200.00	200.00	12.93	5.00
9/10/1930	Foss, Robert L. 10		No. 142313	200.00	200.00	12.72	.....
6/ 2/1926	Garfield, Eliza 11		No. 142313	100.00	100.00	69.85	.....
3/ 5/1950	Ham, Llewlyn 12		No. 142308	150.00	150.00	116.37	4.00
9/ 6/1950	Hartwell, Elizabeth 13		No. 134128	200.00	200.00	121.51	.....
10/ 2/1921	Hartwell, Elizabeth 13		No. 134127	100.00	100.00	44.88	4.00
10/ 2/1921	Hawkins, Betsy 14		No. 142302	100.00	100.00	4.98	.....
6/ 6/1925	Hayes, Paul 15		No. 142305	50.00	50.00	37.65	4.98
8/ 4/1934	Holmes, Ella 16		No. 142315	100.00	100.00	25.86	.....
12/23/1958	Jeness, John 17		No. 146735	200.00	200.00	139.13	.....
1/13/1921	Jeness, Samuel 18a		No. 142303	200.00	200.00	.....	.....
12/25/1958	Jeness, Samuel 18b		No. 142311	200.00	200.00	300.95	22.71
4/12/1927	Jewell, John W. 19		No. 142311	100.00	100.00	19.62	4.00
8/11/1957	Leighton & Winkley 20		No. 148221	250.00	250.00	27.42	14.40
6/ 3/1921	Perkins, Nancy 21		No. 142301	100.00	100.00	250.87	8.16
9/ 9/1957	Perkins, Paul 22		No. 143751	175.00	175.00	128.30	10.34
11/ 7/1922	Seavey, Abbie 23		No. 143751	100.00	100.00	196.13	.....
4/ 2/1927	Smith, D. W. 24	Perpetual Care	No. 142304	100.00	100.00	4.98	4.98
8/12/1944	Stanton, Fred 25		No. 142309	100.00	100.00	4.98	4.98
9/ 5/1972	Swain, Annie and Bessie Gray 26		No. 142318	200.00	200.00	99.40	3.00
1917	Wain, Mary J. 27		No. 190602	200.00	200.00	11.48	.....
10/22/1950	Waldron, John 28		No. 142299	400.00	400.00	115.43	20.00
5/11/1955	Waldron & Caswell 29		No. 135047	100.00	100.00	36.07	4.00
12/10/1937	Walker, James 30		No. 139009	100.00	100.00	76.11	.....
6/ 2/1926	Waterhouse, Ella 31		No. 142317	100.00	100.00	4.98	4.98
3/10/1966	Webster & Tuttle 32		No. 142307	200.00	200.00	10.00	.....
6/ 3/1919	Welsh, Betsy 33		No. 167082	375.00	375.00	137.31	45.00
1899	Young, Lavina H. 34		No. 142300	200.00	200.00	87.49	.....
			No. 142298	1,000.00	1,000.00	50.05	.....
			Totals	\$6,565.00	\$6,565.00	\$ 501.79	\$ 198.41
							\$ 3,179.36

**REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT  
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H.  
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975**

**Revenue Sharing Fund  
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances  
and Fund Balance**

Available Funds, January 1, 1975		\$1,483.11
Add Revenue:		
Entitlement Payments	\$5,584.00	
Interest	<u>134.81</u>	
		<u>5,718.81</u>
Total Available Funds		\$7,201.92
Less Expenditures:		
Operating/Maintenance Expenses:		
Public Safety	\$ 0.00	
Environmental Protection	0.00	
Public Transportation	3,000.00	
Health	1,500.00	
Recreation	0.00	
Libraries	825.00	
Social Services for Poor and Aged	0.00	
Financial Administration	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Operating/Maintenance Expenses		\$5,325.00
Capital Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures		\$5,325.00
Available Cash – December 31, 1975		<u><u>\$1,876.92</u></u>
Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized)		
December 31, 1975		
Operating/Maintenance Expenses	\$ 0.00	
Capital Outlay	<u>0.00</u>	
Available Unobligated Funds – December 31, 1975		\$1,876.92

LOREN W. PIERCE  
ROGER S. LEIGHTON  
Auditors

## AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, and Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1975.

That in our opinion the accompanying statements set forth the financial condition of the town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1975.

LOREN W. PIERCE  
ROGER S. LEIGHTON  
Auditors

Strafford, N. H.  
January 30, 1976

## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT — 1975

Total Value of Permits Issued, 1975 \$333,052

Permanent Dwellings	13
Seasonal Dwellings	6
Accessory Buildings	10
Mobile Homes	2
Additions & Mics.	11

ARTHUR VAN BUSKIRK  
Building Inspector



## **RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1975**

The past year has seen an increase in the services provided by the Rural District Health Council coupled with an increase in the requests for service. As the federal government studies the cost of health care there is increased interest in home care and preventive medicine as methods of reducing costs and improving health services. The Rural District Health Council continues to qualify as a certified home health agency, implementing procedures to continue to provide quality care.

In January 1975, Mrs. Marie Dexter, R.N. joined the staff in a dual role as Referral Coordinator at the Frisbie Memorial Hospital where she is a member of the Utilization Review Committee, and also as staff nurse for the agency providing skilled care for the towns of Barrington and Strafford. The addition of a Health Aide, Mrs. Joan Menez, has enabled the Council to better utilize the professional staff while continuing to provide quality care.

Along with the regular skilled nursing services provided in the home, members of the agency staff conduct adult screening clinics monthly in Northwood and Farmington which was requested by senior citizen groups in those towns. They also participate in the aftercare program in cooperation with the Strafford County Guidance Center and the Seacoast Counseling Center, assist local groups with area screening programs, participate in health planning and, by contract, supervise health aides in the Strafford County Homemaker — Home Health Aide Program. The Maternal and Child Health Program is very active providing regular physical examinations, immunizations and dental care for children 0-6 years enrolled in the Well Child Clinics. The agency staff also does home visiting to the patients participating in the Strafford County Prenatal and Family Planning Program and the Exeter Area Family

## Planning Program.

The strength of the Council lies in the efficiency and dedication of its staff. In addition to the two persons mentioned above, members of the professional staff are Mrs. Ardala Houle, R.N. Agency Supervisor; Miss Arlene Thorne, R.N., Maternal and Child Health nurse; Mrs. Barbara Drew, R.N.; Mrs. Myrtie Walsh, R.N.; Mrs. Lucy Myers, R.N.B.S.; Mrs. Bernadette Cameron, R.N.; and Mrs. Kathleen Hansen, RPT. The office duties are ably handled by Mrs. Norma Davis and Mrs. Eleanor Eaton.

The Rural District Health Council has been requesting \$1.00 per capita from member towns since 1969. As a result of the recent inflationary times and increase in services provided, it has been necessary, therefore, to increase the per capita request from each town by 10 cents to enable the Council to continue to provide these services.

During the past year the Council has made 339 home visits and 77 well child visits making a grand total of 416 for the town of Strafford.

Anyone interested in additional information is urged to contact the Rural District Health Council, P.O. Box 563, 6 South Main Street, Farmington, N. H. Telephone - 755-2989 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CYNTHIA BLOOD, R.N.  
Executive Director

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wild-fire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

### 1975 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	No. of Fires	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	718		800
District	271		80.53
Town	3		1

CLARK M. DAVIS  
District Fire Chief

SUMNER B. HAYES  
Forest Fire Warden

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The information given is the Sixth Annual Report of the Strafford Police Department. There have been weekly patrols this year. This year, with the help of the State Police and this department, eleven subjects were apprehended. This includes breaking and entering, stolen cars and other stolen items.

Last year the officers and myself attended a part-time school which was held in Portsmouth, put on by Police Standards Council and Training which was eight weeks.

We traveled approximately 11,700 miles and put in approximately 932 hours.

It is also very helpful if the residents would call us when they observe any vehicles or subjects that they see around homes or camps that do not belong in the area. This also helps to keep the crime rate down.

It would help in the near future to have a town cruiser. The officers can be reached at 664-2837 — 664-2225 also through the Strafford Dispatch Center at 742-4968.

On behalf of the men in the department, I would like to thank the inhabitants of the town of Strafford for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDGAR E. BURROWS  
Chief of Police

**Total of Calls Answered  
for the Year January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975**

Community Services:	
Messages Delivered	12
Try and Locate	8
Motor Vehicle:	
Accidents Investigated	19
DE tags given out	9
Stolen cars	1
Attempted stolen cars	5
Abandoned cars	2
Stolen cars recovered	2
Stolen boat recovered	1
Warnings	40
Complaints Answered:	
Malicious Damage	16
Breaking and Entering	25
Breaks solved	3
Dog complaints	5
Animals at large	3
Bomb Threats	2
Miscellaneous	40
Stealing from mail boxes and damage	3
Deer hit by Motor Vehicle	1
Assisted Ambulance	6
People Transported	2
Assisting Other Departments:	
Investigations	10
People Transported	2
Messages Relayed	6
Try and Locate	1
Serving Summons	8
Actions:	
Court Actions	<u>26</u>
Total	258

## STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1975

This past year was the busiest one the department has had for a good many years. There was a 60% increase in calls over last year. The breakdown of calls is as follows:

Structure	7
Chimney	7
Forest and Grass	5
Miscellaneous	5
Accidents	3
Mutual Aid	2
Dump	1
False	1
Bomb Scare	<u>1</u>
Total	32

1975 was a good year for the department, since we gained 4 new dedicated members. The men must be commended for their work on the two trucks which we converted and painted this past spring. A total of about 1,000 man hours were put into the project, and there is still more work that needs to be done.

The men have shown that the training they have received at the state instructed fire schools is paying off by the good saves we have had at the last four fires. It will soon be a requirement of the department that all men attend at least one state instructed fire school per year, if they want to remain in the department and be covered by insurance.

As the figures above point out there was quite a strain placed on the equipment this past year. It is, therefore, necessary to be considering the purchase of a new truck and equipment. All the training in the world is no good if the proper equipment is not available to use.

It should be brought to the attention of the townspeople that it is a state law that any oil burner permit be obtained before installing and operating an oil burner.

We hope to join a mutual aid system in the very near future. This will enable us to have a quicker response from area departments and further enable us to communicate with the same radio frequencies, which is very beneficial.

We wish to thank everyone for their support and hope to serve you well in the year to come.

LOREN W. PIERCE  
Chief

#### STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 1976

Heat and Electricity . . . . .	\$1,300.00
Tel. (Red Network) . . . . .	400.00
Gas and Oil . . . . .	400.00
Fire School . . . . .	200.00
Radio Repairs . . . . .	200.00
Office Expenses (Stationery, Postage, Telephone) . . . . .	100.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	400.00
Forest Fire Insurance . . . . .	500.00
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	\$3,500.00

## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE

Through the survey accomplished by the Study Committee a substantial portion of the residents of Strafford expressed their views concerning what is good about our town, what needs improvement, where tax dollars should first be spent, and how we should respond to future growth. Most residents feel that our growth rate is about right and that a strong preference should be given to single family residential use and agricultural use of land as compared to heavy industrial use. The areas of greatest concern and, consequently, the areas where the residents of Strafford would most like to see their tax dollars spent are, in order of priority: police services, fire protection, town dump, and road improvement. Space prohibits comment on the many other areas which the survey included, but the results may be obtained from the members of the Committee or from the Town Office or Library where it is hoped the results will be available. The Committee believes that this survey should periodically be updated and used for policy decisions by town Officials.

The Committee collected as much population data as was available including updates of some of the figures used to project school population when the recent enlargement was undertaken on the school. An average of all projections indicates that the population of Strafford will double by the year 2,000, the Town's present population being about 1,150. Obviously, this doubling will have a major impact on the Town.

As a means for guiding this growth, the Committee recommends, and survey results strongly favor, affirmative planning such as the adoption and use of a comprehensive Town plan. The State laws which define the duties of the planning board also support this approach to town planning. Such a plan should be based upon a consideration of all of the Town's resources and should include considered judgements by Town officials as to how growth should occur so as to make most effective use of town services. Because



of the complexities involved in the preparation of such a plan, the Committee has recommended to the Planning Board and recommends to the Town that we join the Strafford Regional Planning Commission which has the resources available to assist the Planning Board in such a task. Furthermore, since some members of the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen do not believe that the residents of Strafford favor the development of planning guidelines and the adoption of land use legislation, the results of the survey compel the Committee to urge the Townspeople to make their views known to these Boards.

All of the information which the Committee has collected concerning population growth, solid waste disposal feasibility, and techniques of town planning can be obtained by contacting any member of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN AHLGREN, Chairman  
CAL SCHROEDER  
CHRIS BOZAK  
BOB PERRY, Secretary  
LENNY HOWE

## REPORT OF RECREATION COMMISSION

With considerable volunteer help, the recreation area at Bow Lake Dam was cleared of brush, the grass cut and, in the fall, the top seeded with conservation mix and the slope with crown vetch. The north beach was enlarged by removal of a knoll and sand was added to both beaches. From June 23 through Labor Day, attendants were on duty from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in good weather, and safety equipment provided by the American Red Cross was on hand. There was regular cleaning of the beaches and trash removal and leased chemical toilets were serviced weekly. No fees were charged and no attendance kept, but on the busiest August Saturday over 250 people were at the Dam at one time. During the season there was little vandalism, good compliance with regulations, few accidents and only minor injuries. Those using the area seemed appreciative and cooperative for the most part.

The Town's fifty year lease from Water Resources Board was extended to the entire area at the Dam. The Town's liability insurance now covers this exposure.

The Commission, with the support of the Selectmen, initiated a petition to Governor and Council to provide a public access — meaning a boat launching ramp — to the lake so that the south beach could be used for swimming only, proposed a location on Water Street and outlined a long-range plan for public use of town land there. After a public hearing, we understand, the need for access was accepted but the proposed site rejected and search for a different location begun. Pending the outcome, the Recreation Fund has been placed in a savings account.

Article 14 of the 1975 Town Warrant appropriated \$1,300 for attendants' payroll and toilet rental. We spent \$1,258 for these purposes. In addition the Town has recorded in this account expenditures not originally contemplated as operating charges, so

that the total of \$1,707.90 may appear to exceed the appropriation. This bookkeeping transaction, not of our doing, leaves the Recreation Fund intact and is acceptable to us if it is acceptable to the Town. Our request for operating funds for 1976 is for \$1,600, which is consistent with bookkeeping and allows for some volunteer work not expected to be repeated this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ERNEST B. BROWN, Chairman  
 LOIS FISTERE  
 ROBERT OMAND  
 JOHN B. PENNEY  
 ARTHUR VAN BUSKIRK, Secretary

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF RECREATION COMMISSION**

For the period ending December 31, 1975

## **Operating Expenses:**

Attendants' salaries	\$1,050.00
Toilet rental	208.00
23 loads of sand	258.00
Backhoe work	22.50
Seed and fertilizer (no labor)	101.40
Trash removal	68.00
	<u>\$1,706.90</u>

## **Recreation Fund:**

Appropriated March 1970	\$1,264.64
Appropriated March 1975	<u>2,000.00</u>

\$3,264.64

Add interest earned on savings account	<u>96.68</u>
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Balance (savings account) December 31, 1975	<u>\$3,361.32</u>
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## STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Officers

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Carl T. Gustafson, Jr.

Term Expires 1976

Philip Dame

Term Expires 1977

Robert Dowst

Term Expires 1978

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles H. Morgan, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.

#### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Franklin E. Black, B.A., M.Ed.

#### TREASURER

Christine Bozak

#### MODERATOR

Russell C. Shillaber

#### CLERK

Robert Perry

#### AUDITORS

Ruth Talvio

#### ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Leonard W. Davis

#### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lois Fistere, R.N.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 2nd day of March 1976, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 5th day of February, 1976.

CARL T. GUSTAFSON, JR.  
PHILIP DAME  
ROBERT DOWST  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

CARL T. GUSTAFSON, JR.  
PHILIP DAME  
ROBERT DOWST  
School Board

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 9th day of March 1976, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

5. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive and expend, in the name of the district, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or state agencies.

6. To see if the district will vote to provide transportation for Strafford pupils attending Spaulding High School, Rochester, N. H. and to appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this (    ) day of February, 1976.

CARL T. GUSTAFSON  
PHILIP DAME  
ROBERT DOWST  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

CARL T. GUSTAFSON  
PHILIP DAME  
ROBERT DOWST  
School Board

# REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

## for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

### Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974 (Treas.'s bank bal) . . . .	\$ 4,471.90
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation . . . . .	\$212,799.01
Revenue from State Sources . . . . .	10,353.18
Revenue from Federal Sources . . . . .	8,615.52
Rec'd. from all Other Sources . . . . .	<u>4,225.75</u>
Total Receipts . . . . .	<u>235,993.46</u>
Total Amt. Available for Fiscal Year	
(Bal. and Receipts) . . . . .	\$240,465.36
Less School Board Orders Paid . . . . .	<u>229,079.20</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1975	
(Treas.'s Bank Balance) . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 11,386.16</u></u>

### Building Fund Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974 (Treas.'s bank bal.) . . . .	\$131,000.00
Received from all Other Sources . . . .	<u>\$ 13,040.39</u>
Total Receipts . . . . .	<u>13,040.39</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	
(Balance and Receipts) . . . . .	\$144,040.39
Less School Board Orders Paid . . . . .	<u>135,561.10</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1975	
(Treas's Bank Bal.) . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 8,479.29</u></u>

CHRISTINE BOZAK  
District Treasurer

July 23, 1975

### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 and find them correct in all respects.

ROMAN MARTINEAU  
Auditor

October 13, 1975

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**For the Fiscal Year**  
**July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975**

Received from Local Sources	\$212,799.01
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**Other Revenue from Local Sources:**

Earnings from Temporary Deposits	\$ 2,832.39
Rent	5.00
Other	<u>10,211.00</u>

.13,048.39

**Revenue from State Sources:**

School Building Aid	\$ 3,619.90
Sweepstakes	3,405.03
Dual Enrollment & Child Benefit Services	8.25
Foster Children Aid	800.00
School Lunch (State Funds Only)	312.63
Vocational Education Transportation	<u>1,420.00</u>

9,565.81

**Revenue from Federal Sources**

School Lunch and Special Milk	\$ 4,394.89
Public Law 874	<u>3,908.00</u>

8,302.89

**Total Receipts from All Sources**

\$243,716.10

**Cash on Hand, Beginning of Yr., July 1, 1974**

General Funds	\$ 4,471.90
Capital Funds	<u>131,000.00</u>

135,471.90

\$379,188.00

**Item 60 (Reimb. Expenditures)**

5,317.75

**Grand Total**

\$384,505.75

**EXPENDITURES**

Total Expenditures July 1, 1974 – General	\$229,079.21
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Total Expenditures July 1, 1974 – Capital	<u>135,561.10</u>
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\$364,640.31

**Cash on Hand June 30, 1974**

General	\$ 11,386.16
Capital	<u>8,479.29</u>

\$ 19,865.45



Encumbered Funds	\$ 7,000.00	
Building Fund	<u>8,479.29</u>	
		\$ 15,479.29
		\$ 4,386.16
Account Due to District		<u>826.00</u>
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 5,212.16

### BUILDING ADDITION No. 2

#### Receipts

Fiscal Year 1974		\$136,000.00
Fiscal Year 1975		
Revenue Sharing	\$ 10,000.00	
Savings Account (interest)	2,832.39	
Salvage	<u>208.00</u>	
Total Receipts This Year (Fiscal 1975)		<u>13,040.39</u>
Total Receipts		\$149,040.39

#### Expenditures

Fiscal Year 1974		
Hersey Associates		\$ 5,000.00
Fiscal Year 1975		
Purchase of Site	\$ 1,500.00	
General Contract	125,600.00	
Survey of Site Aquisition	148.50	
Sewage Disposal System	5,400.00	
Architects Fees	2,411.93	
Legal Fees	22.25	
Other Expenditures		
Temporary Classroom Expenses	<u>478.42</u>	
Total Expenditures This Year (Fiscal 1975)		<u>\$135,561.10</u>
Total Expenditures		\$140,561.10
Cash on Hand		<u>8,479.29</u>
June 30, 1975 Check Balance		\$149,040.39

**STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975**

1. Name of Building or Project for which notes or bonds were issued.	Strafford School	1st Addition	2nd Addition	Total
2. Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$30,000	\$35,666.60	\$136,000.00	\$201,666.60
3. Issued During Year	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. Total (2 plus 3)	\$30,000	\$35,666.60	\$136,000.00	\$201,666.60
5. Payment of Principal of Debt	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,566.76	.....	\$ 8,566.76
6. Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Yr. (4 minus 5)	\$25,000	\$32,099.84	\$136,000.00	\$193,099.84

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES (1974-1975)

### Administration:

#### Salaries:

Philip Dame, School Board Member	\$ 200.00
Robert Dowst, School Board Member	50.00
Carl Gustafson, School Board Member	200.00
Edgar Huckins, School Board Member	150.00
Christine Bozak, Treasurer	200.00
Russell Shillaber, Moderator	10.00
Robert Perry, District Clerk	15.00
Ruth Talvio, Auditor	10.00
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\$ 835.00

#### Contracted Services:

Elizabeth Carlson, Bookkeeper	\$ 400.00
Lenard Davis, Census	30.00
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430.00

#### Other Expenses for Administration

115.69

### Instruction:

#### Salaries:

Principal, 7th Grade Teacher, & Phys. Ed.,	
Richard Boyle	\$ 9,000.00
Grade 1, Sally Low	8,250.00
Grade 2 Katrina Rhodes	7,000.00
Grade 3 Maryellen Childs	7,250.00
Grade 4 Nancy Higgins	7,500.00
Grade 5 Regina Garnier	6,500.00
Grade 6 Patricia Sukduang	7,319.45
Grade 8 Mary Higgins	8,250.00
Teacher's Aide Barbara Newsky	2,730.10
Art Eleanor Bryne	1,400.00
Music Virginia Linn	1,011.09
Music Virginia Garlow	408.24
Substitutes	1,513.50
District Share of Blue Cross	150.00
Tutoring	397.50
Staff Development Courses	66.00
Cooperative Learning Disability Project	350.00
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69,095.88

#### Textbooks

1,875.45

#### School Library & Audiovisual Materials

694.18

#### Teaching Supplies

3,150.48

<b>Contracted Services:</b>		
Gesell Readiness Testing	\$ 270.00	
Rinehart, Inc.	350.00	
Strafford Learning Center	<u>366.00</u>	
		\$ 986.00
Other Expenses for Instruction		74.42
<b>Health Services:</b>		
School Nurse, Lois Fistere	\$ 2,520.00	
Supplies and Travel	<u>30.08</u>	
		2,550.08
<b>Pupil Transportation:</b>		
<b>Contracted Service:</b>		
Douglas Hatch	\$ 5,127.51	
Herbert Scribner	9,337.13	
Virgil Scribner	<u>2,395.43</u>	
		16,860.07
<b>Operation of Plant:</b>		
Custodial Salary, Robert Heffernan	\$ 5,200.00	
Supplies	1,084.09	
Heat, James K. Horne	4,901.74	
<b>Utilities:</b>		
Public Service & New England Telephone	2,910.58	
Other Expenses	<u>3.25</u>	
		14,099.66
<b>Maintenance of Plant:</b>		
Repairs to Equipment		203.10
<b>Contracted Services:</b>		
Eldredge Dame	\$ 66.05	
Fred Ellis & Sons	37.00	
James K. Horne, Inc.	602.18	
3M Business Products, Inc.	<u>54.40</u>	
		759.73
Repairs		905.78
Other Expenses		100.00
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>		
State Employees' Retirement	\$ 96.99	
Teachers' Retirement	903.05	
F.I.C.A. (Social Security)	4,716.00	
Insurance	<u>1,456.40</u>	
		7,172.44

<b>School Lunch &amp; Special Milk Program:</b>		
Federal Contribution	\$ 5,114.07	
District Contribution	<u>200.00</u>	
		\$ 5,314.07
<b>Student Body Activities</b>		70.55
<b>Capitol Outlay:</b>		
Equipment		439.40
<b>Debt Service:</b>		
Principal of Debt	\$ 8,566.76	
Interest on Debt	<u>9,765.70</u>	
		18,332.46
<b>Outgoing Transfer Accounts:</b>		
Tuition to Other Districts	\$45,493.33	
Tuition to Public Academies	28,432.90	
District Share of Union Expenses	<u>4,551.99</u>	
		78,478.23
<b>Transportation</b>		
Vocational Students (reimbursable)	\$ 522.00	
Handicapped Students	<u>687.80</u>	
		<u>1,209.80</u>
<b>Total</b>		\$233,761.46
<b>Item 60 (Reimbursed Expenditures)</b>		<u>5,317.75</u>
<b>Grand Total Detailed Expenditures</b>		<u><u>\$229,079.21</u></u>

# STAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET — 1976 - 1977

	Adopted 1974 - 1975	Expended 1974 - 1975	Adopted 1975 - 1976	Proposed 1976 - 1977
Administration				
Salaries	\$ 845.00	\$ 835.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 935.00
Contracted Services	430.00	430.00	430.00	480.00
Other Expenses	150.00	115.69	150.00	275.00
Instruction				
Salaries	69,930.00	69,095.88	77,530.00	82,850.00
Textbooks	1,575.00	1,875.45	1,000.00	1,120.00
Library and Audio Visual	1,475.00	694.18	1,200.00	718.50
Teaching Supplies	3,700.00	3,150.48	3,550.00	3,700.00
Contracted Services	700.00	986.00	800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	100.00	74.42	100.00	130.00
Attendance Services	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00
Health Services	2,770.00	2,550.08	2,974.00	3,040.00
Pupil Transportation	16,349.00	16,860.07	17,949.00	29,400.00
Operation of Plant				
Salaries	4,980.00	5,200.00	5,600.00	5,600.00
Supplies	1,100.00	1,087.34	1,100.00	1,300.00

Contracted Services	.....		300.00	300.00
Heat	4,000.00	4,901.74	6,000.00	6,500.00
Utilities	3,000.00	2,910.58	3,000.00	3,300.00
Maintenance of Plant	930.00	1,968.61	1,600.00	4,400.00
Other Fixed Charges				
Employees Retirement and FICA	6,350.31	5,716.04	7,310.84	7,838.21
Insurance	1,400.00	1,456.40	2,200.00	2,200.00
School Lunch and Special Milk	1,800.00	5,314.07	1,800.00	1,800.00
Student Body Activities	200.00	79.55	600.00	
Capital Outlay				
Equipment	20.00	439.40	550.00	
Debit Service				
Principal of Debt	13,166.76	8,566.76	22,166.76	22,166.76
Interest on Debt	10,076.06	9,765.70	9,179.63	8,074.65
Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State				
Tuition	75,364.32	73,926.23	79,648.00	97,512.00
Transportation	.....	522.00	1,100.00	1,221.00
District Share of Union Expenses	4,551.99	4,551.99	5,281.63	5,581.42
Expenditures to Other Than Public Schools	1,924.00	687.80	.....	
Total Appropriation	\$226,912.44	\$223,761.46	\$253,489.86	\$290,767.54

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES AND CREDITS**

Revenues and Credits Available To Reduce School Taxes	Estimated Revenues	
	Approved Budget 1975-76	School Board Budget 1976-77
<b>Unencumbered Balance</b>	\$ 5,212.15	
<b>Revenue from State Sources:</b>		
Sweepstakes	6,024.32	6,000.00
School Building Aid	6,994.99	6,994.99
Foster Children Aid	100.00	100.00
<b>Revenue from Federal Sources:</b>		
School Lunch and Special Milk	1,600.00	1,600.00
PL 874	100.00	100.00
<b>Local Revenue Except Taxes:</b>		
Trust Fund Income	35.00	35.00
<b>Total School Revenues and Credits</b>	\$ 20,066.46	\$ 14,829.99
<b>District Assessment (To be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	<u>233,423.40</u>	<u>275,937.55</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<u>\$253,489.86</u>	<u>\$290,767.54</u>

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM  
Financial Statement — July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975**

<b>Beginning Balance — July 1, 1974</b>		\$ 250.21
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Lunch Sales — Children	\$6,751.54	
Lunch Sales — Adult	357.50	
Reimbursement	5,114.07	
District Appropriation	200.00	
Misc. Cash	361.95	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>\$12,785.06</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$13,035.27</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Food	\$8,476.83	
Labor	4,014.88	
Equipment	14.30	
All Other Expenditures	445.86	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<u>12,951.87</u>
<b>Balance — June 30, 1975</b>		<u>\$ 83.40</u>
<b>Other Program Resources:</b>		
USDA Commodities Rec'd. (Wholesale Value)		\$ 2,053.00



**BALANCE SHEET**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1975**

**Assets:**

Cash in Bank	\$ 83.40
Accounts Receivable:	
Reimbursement Due Program	1,412.13
Food Inventory — June 30	<u>120.20</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,615.73</b>

**DOROTHY L. SMITH**

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of the Strafford School District:

When school session started in September of 1975, the Strafford Elementary School was organized as indicated in the chart below.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Mrs. Sally Low	Grade 1 and Readiness
Mrs. Katrina Rhodes	Grade 2
Miss Maryellen Childs	Grade 3
Miss Nancy Higgins	Grade 4
Mrs. Cecelia Ciccolella	Grade 5 - Mathematics
Mrs. Patricia Sukduang	Grade 6 - Science
Mr. Richard Boyle, Principal	Grade 7 - Social Studies
Mrs. Mary Higgins	Grade 8 - English
Mrs. Darla Higgins	Social Studies - part time
Mrs. Lois Fistere	School Nurse
Mrs. Eleanor Byrne	Art - part-time
Mrs. Barbara Newsky	Readiness Aide
Mrs. Virginia Garlow	Music - part-time
Mrs. Dorothy Smith	Lunch Program Manager
Mrs. Irma Messenger	Lunch Worker
Mr. Robert Heffernan	Custodian
Miss Charlene Davis	Learning Disabilities*
Miss Margaret Reed	Speech & Language Development*

\*These positions are funded by the Title I / Special Education Co-operative Project operated by the Boards of Nottingham, Strafford, Barrington and Northwood. Mr. Boyle is the project manager.

The enrollment by grade as reported at the beginning of the year was as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number	26	29	24	26	21	25	26	30	207

This is an increase of 5.6% of the previous year's enrollment of 196 at the start of school. The enrollment in grades 1 and 2 exceed the minimum standard of 25-1 as the pupil-teacher ratio. The wisdom of providing the additional classroom space during the past year is manifested by the continuing growth in enrollment.

Strafford School District residents attending other schools at District expense were reported as indicated in the chart printed below.

School	Grade					Total	Tuition Rate
	Spec.	9	10	11	12		
Austin Cate Academy	0	0	0	0	1	1	\$1,121.00
Coe Brown Academy	0	6	6	5	4	21	1,121.00
Dover AREA Vocational	0	2	0	3	1	6	1,100.00
Dover High School	0	0	0	0	1	1	1,100.00
Pittsfield High School	0	2	0	1	1	4	917.00
Spaulding High School	0	10	16	11	9	46	949.00
Somersworth School System	1	0	0	0	0	1	1,121.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>80</b>	

Since the last report was prepared, the New Hampshire Legislature has met and passed many laws. It is believed that it would be helpful to the citizens to know of these actions. A number of these statutes which appear to be of interest and importance are presented in brief form as a part of this report.

**Duty to Provide Education.** It is the duty of the school board to provide at district expense, an elementary and secondary school education to all pupils residing in the district who have not reached the age of twenty-one.

**Posting Warrant.** In counting the days between the posting of a meeting warning and the meeting, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are included in the count of 14 days between the posting and the meeting. This clarifies possible misinterpretation.

**Officers to be Chosen.** This statute was changed to allow the election of one or more auditors, and if more than one is chosen, the terms may be staggered. Previously, the auditors could only be elected for a one year term.

**Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance in Public Elementary Schools.** This is new and permits the recitation of the traditional Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance in public elementary schools. Pupil participation shall be voluntary. It requires a district vote to implement.

**School Holidays.** This is new. Schools shall not be open for regular instructional purposes on Veterans' Day, November 11, and Memorial Day, May 30. Opening school would be a violation of the law.

**Eligibility.** No person employed on a salaried basis by a Supervisory Union, or any District within the Union may at the same time serve as a school board member in any district of the Supervisory Union. Examples of salaried position include teachers, custodians, administrators, secretaries, bus drivers paid by the district, school lunch workers, and teacher's aides.

**Instruction in National and State History and Government.** Beginning not later than Grade VIII, all schools must provide a regular course of instruction in history, government, and constitutions of the United States and the State of New Hampshire.

**Filing for Office.** This is a change. Persons filing for district office must file not earlier than 45 days before the election and not later than 5:00 p.m. of the third Monday before the election. The filing period begins ten days sooner, but closes one week earlier. If the district has adopted the absentee ballot, the filing period closes the fifth Monday before the election, which is an additional two weeks earlier.

**Public Employee Labor Relations.** Perhaps the most important action, in the opinion of the writer, to be taken by the Legislature was the passage of this act. It requires school boards which employ ten or more workers with a common interest, such as teachers, to meet with the employee group and negotiate the terms and conditions of work with the employee group. This at present is limited to economic matters, but there is nothing to prevent a different interpretation, or to amend the law. School Boards cannot negotiate away any powers granted to them by state law or by state board policy. There will be more problems connected with this act than any other recently passed in New Hampshire. The School Board will require all of the support that an informed electorate can give it in these matters.

In closing, the undersigned would like to thank the pupils, staffs, School Boards, and citizens for the support and cooperation which have been extended to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES H. MORGAN  
Superintendent  
FRANKLIN E. BLACK  
Assistant Superintendent

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT  
AND  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
1974 — 1975  
(R.S.A. Chapter 189:48 — New Hampshire Laws)

<u>School District</u>	<u>% Local Share</u>	<u>Super- intendent</u>	<u>Assistant Super- intendent</u>
Barrington	12.615	\$ 1,986.86	\$ 1,222.39
Farmington	24.925	3,925.69	2,415.23
Middleton	2.125	334.69	205.91
Milton	15.92	2,507.40	1,542.64
Northwood	12.11	1,907.33	1,173.46
Nottingham	8.25	1,299.37	799.42
Strafford	8.39	1,321.42	812.99
Wakefield	<u>15.665</u>	<u>2,467.24</u>	<u>1,517.94</u>
	100.000	\$15,750.00	\$ 9,689.98
State's Share		<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total		<u>\$18,250.00</u>	<u>\$11,489.98</u>

## HEALTH SERVICES 1974 - 1975

Inspections . . . . .	196		
Vision . . . . .	216	Defects — 10	Corrected — 7
Hearing . . . . .	201	Defects — 3	Corrected — 2
Home Visits . . . . .	12		
First Aid . . . . .	86		
Pediculosis . . . . .	12		

The fall prophylaxis clinic, with Mrs. Anne Huckins as hygienist, and sponsored by the S.A.Y., had 146 participate, when teeth were cleaned and fluoride applied. The S.A.Y., Strafford Womens Club provided funds for follow up dental care, matched by Dr. Peter Low, who provided the care.

Our fourth grade class took part in a Dental Disease Prevention Program sponsored by the Bureau of Dental Public Health, who provided the materials. Nancy Gardner, the state hygienist, made the initial oral examination and another at the end of the program. Students were instructed on brushing and flossing and did so daily. Red disclosure tablets were used once a week and checked by the school nurse. My special thanks to Nancy Higgins for her cooperation in making this a successful program.

The health education program continues to include information on nutrition, hygiene, life education and communicable diseases, using films, handout materials, and speakers whenever possible.

Mr. Francis Cartier, District Chief of the State Liquor Commission presented a film, *What time is it*, to the 7th and 8th grades, explaining the liquor laws of N. H. and how they affect the teenager, followed by a question and answer period. Mr. Cartier returned to show the film, *Let's Study Alcohol*, to the science classes.

The eighth grade girls met with Mrs. Eleanor DuBois, from the N. H. Child and Family Service, who presented the film, *I'm 17 and pregnant and don't know what to do*.

My special appreciation to parents, teaching and learning disability staff and school board, who, through their interest and understanding, look at the physical, mental and social needs of the individual student, so that they might derive the most from their learning experiences.

Respectfully submitted,  
LOIS FISTERE, R.N.  
(Mrs. C. G. Fistere)

**PROPOSED CALENDAR  
SUPERVISORY UNION No. 44  
1976-1977 SCHOOL YEAR**

<b>First Term</b>	Sept. 8, 1976 to Dec. 23, 1976	72 Days
<b>Second Term</b>	Jan. 3, 1977 to Feb. 18, 1977	35 Days
<b>Third Term</b>	Feb. 28, 1977 to April 22, 1977	40 Days
<b>Fourth Term</b>	May 2, 1977 to June 23, 1977	<u>38 Days</u>
		185 Days

**Days Out**

October 11	Columbus Day
October 22	Teachers' Convention
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 25 - 26	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24 - 31	Christmas Vacation
February 21 - 25	Winter Vacation
April 25 - 29	Spring Vacation
May 30	Memorial Day

Washington's Birthday Anniversary falls on February 21, which is during the Winter Vacation, and Fast Day falls on April 25, which is during the Spring Vacation.

The above calendar provides for 185 days of school. The equivalent of 180 days must be devoted to classroom instruction as a minimum. This calendar allows for either 5 full days for staff development, curriculum review, staff planning and the like, or for 10 half days. Days missed due to storms, etc., would need to be recovered either during vacation periods, or by extending the number of sessions. If the staff development program is to be effective, it would need to be operated as a part of the contracted school year.

This calendar is subject to revision by the School Board.



# BRITHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1974					
Dec. 17	Dover	F	Kristy D. Hackett	John L. Hackett	Robert A. Monroe
1975					
Feb. 18	Rochester	F	Jennifer A. White	John R. White	Ellen J. Sicard
Mar. 28	Exeter	F	Theodora P. Linn	David N. Linn	Virginia B. Hall
Apr. 4	Rochester	M	Scott A. Turgeon	Daniel P. Turgeon	Beverly A. Thurston
July 15	Concord	F	Ellen M. Corindia	Alan M. Corindia	Elizabeth S. Waste
Sept. 3	Concord	F	Sandra L. Dyrkacz	Thomas J. Dyrkacz	Sharon E. Macey
Sept. 4	Dover	M	Justin T. Manning	Steven L. Manning	Deborah L. Snyder
Oct. 2	Rochester	F	Stacy M. Noyes	James A. Noyes	Patricia A. Harris
Oct. 31	Rochester	F	Valerie B. Garneau	Dana C. Garneau	Penny A. Nutter
Dec. 2	Dover	F	Christie L. Bartlett	James E. Bartlett	Kathryn A. Harding

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 8	Strafford	Kate L. Durgin	101	N. H.	Homemaker	Darius C. Durgin	Elizabeth A. Hoyt
Feb. 8	Rochester	Anne E. Brown	93	Mass.	Housewife	Shirley V. Ellis	Emma Hammond
Mar. 24	Dover	Flora E. Ambrose	95	Mass.	Housewife	Eli Whitten	Unis A.
Apr. 17	Strafford	Henry L. Hastings	86	Canada	Retired	Elwin H. Hastings	Julia Ives
May 5	Strafford	Clara B. Stiles	89	N. H.	Practical Nurse	James H. Stiles	Mary T. Walker
May 24	Dover	Mona H. Farwell	71	Mass.	Medical Secretary	Fred H. Hall	Grace M. Nicholson
May 26	Rochester	Ada D. Hayes	69	N. H.	School Teacher	Truman F. Dean	Harriet Cilley
Oct. 3	Rochester	Elizabeth A. Varney	90	N. H.	Retired Cook	James Ricker	Margaret Desmond
Nov. 14	Rochester	Ernest T. Nutter	73	Me.	Real Estate Broker	Edwin J. Nutter	Jenny Goodwin
Nov. 17	Rochester	Joan Howard	48	England	Housewife	Harry Whiteside	Edith Hopkin
Dec. 22	Rochester	Moses H. Durgin	92	N. H.	Farmer	Darius C. Durgin	Elizabeth Hoyt
Dec. 26	Dover	Lily C. Penney	79	England	Housewife	John Cartwright	Lousia Mallen

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# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Res. of Each at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	By Whom Married
Jan. 18	Strafford	Michael J. Fitzpatrick	Rochester	Dec. 7, 1954	N. H.	William Fitzpatrick Jean Nevers	Wilbur L. Reid Clergyman
		Janis L. MacDougall	Strafford	June 10, 1957	N. H.	John D. MacDougall, Jr. Shirley A. Bergstrom	Rochester
Feb. 16	Northwood	James A. Noyes	Epsom	Apr. 28, 1957	N. H.	Charles M. Noyes Mary A. Tasker	Richard B. Haines Reverend
		Patricia A. Harris	Strafford	May 1, 1956	Ma.	Gordon B. Harris Dorothy J. Pavitt	Northwood
Apr. 2	Exeter	Gordon R. Hill	Strafford	May 30, 1933	N. H.	Gordon K. Hill Ruth Caverly	Charles P. Calcagni Pastor
		Janice A. Steffen	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 28, 1938	Wis.	Otto H. Zur Esther Abts	Exeter
June 13	Gilmanton	Duncan J. Geddes	Gilmanton	June 16, 1956	N. H.	David Geddes Anna Hogan	George Twigg, III Justice
		Barbara A. Tasker	Strafford	Aug. 23, 1956	N. H.	Francis Tasker Evelyn Corliss	Gilmanton

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Res. of Each at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	By Whom Married
June 21	Strafford	Richard M. Locke	Barnstead	July 20, 1952	N. H.	John M. Locke Evelyn M. Tasker	Richard B. Haines Reverend
		Carol N. Smith	Strafford	July 9, 1953	N. Y.	Spencer C. Smith Dorothy L. Duffield	Northwood
July 12	Pittsfield	Danny E. Clark	Strafford	July 1, 1953	N. H.	Errol D. Clark Erna J. Messenger	Howard B. Higgins Pastor
		Lily E. Troughton	Pittsfield	Jan. 11, 1957	Ct.	Theodore M. Troughton Edith R. Minery	Ctr. Strafford
Aug. 9	Rochester	John H. Rowell	Strafford	Dec. 20, 1954	Va.	Louis Rowell Coralea Leavitt	Roland O. Blais R. C. Priest
		Margaret M. Brown	Rochester	Aug. 13, 1957	Me.	Orin R. Brown Esther Noel	Rochester
Aug. 23	Strafford	Edward C. Ganz	Newport, R. I.	Apr. 13, 1900	N. Y.	Edward G. Ganz Mary A. Hendricks	Howard B. Higgins Minister
		Elsie H. Craig	Newport, R. I.	Dec. 30, 1910	R. I.	William H. Craig Anna O. Nelson	Ctr. Strafford

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Res. of Each at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	By Whom Married
Sept. 27	Rochester	Steven R. Loring	Strafford	Aug. 8, 1940	N. H.	Winthrop L. Loring Alice V. Clay	Carl L. Strickland Minister Rochester
		Mary S. Putman	Strafford	Sept. 25, 1951	N. H.	William O. Putman Louise R. Baillargeon	
Sept. 27	Durham	Richard R. Horner	Strafford	Mar. 13, 1947	N. D.	George A. Horner, Jr. Mary DeFrance	Leon P. Gaulin R. C. Priest
		Susan P. Woida	Strafford	Jan. 20, 1947	Wis.	Henry J. Woida Alice Lipski	Durham
Dec. 21	Strafford	George M. Chapline, III	Strafford	Sept. 26, 1947	Md.	George M. Chapline, II Rosemary Reynolds	V. Alastair Votaw Minister
		Earle A. Kessinger	Strafford	Oct. 2, 1949	Ger-many	Walter F. Kessinger Charlotte	Newmarket
Dec. 30	Rochester	Rene J. LaPanne	Strafford	Mar. 19, 1955	N. H.	Simon E. LaPanne Alive G. Grenier	Gerald T. Allard J. P.
		Judith A. Smith	Edmond, Ok.	July 30, 1950	Ok.	Lyle D. Hostetter Frances E. Moulin	Rochester

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